

MINUTES
NEIGHBORHOOD ENHANCEMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, March 5, 2003
3rd Floor, One Civic Center

Present: Chairman John Shultz
Vice Chair Patty Badenoch (arrived 6:40 PM)
Commissioners Sue Alsworth, John Horwitz, Dick Kiesell
Nancy Wendorf (arrived 5:40 PM)

Absent: Commissioner George Knowlton

Staff Present: Raun Keagy, Rob Millar

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A regular meeting of the Neighborhood Enhancement Commission was called to order at 5:30 PM and members were present as stated above.

Commissioners welcomed the newest member of the Commission, Mr. John Horwitz, who then gave a brief introduction of himself.

APPROVAL OF 2/05/03 MEETING MINUTES

COMMISSIONER ALSWORTH MOVED FOR APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 5, 2003 MINUTES. COMMISSIONER KIESELL SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 4-0.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE COMMISSION ACTION ON A NEIGHBORHOOD FUNDING PARTNERSHIP REQUEST FROM THE SANDPIPER SCOTTSDALE ASSOCIATION (TABLED FROM 2/5/03 MEETING)

Mr. John Ryan returned to the Commission for the third time and said he felt all his paperwork was in order this time. He presented a revised project description and a statement explaining their long-term beautification program.

COMMISSIONER ALSWORTH MOVED FOR APPROVAL OF THE REQUEST FOR \$5000 FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ENTRYWAY. COMMISSIONER HORWITZ SECONDED THE MOTION.

Commissioner Kiesell said his opinion had not changed since the last meeting and he still felt priority should be given to projects which aren't fully funded by homeowners.

Commissioner Wendorf reminded that precedence had been set of approvals for other HOAs in regard to the same issue.

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THE MOTION FOR APPROVAL CARRIED 4-1 WITH COMMISSIONER KIESELL DISSENTING.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE COMMISSION ACTION ON A NEIGHBORHOOD FUNDING PARTNERSHIP REQUEST FROM THE SCOTTSDALE PALMS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

Several members of the Board for this Association were in attendance to discuss their project. George Polynin described the need for lighting in the carport area as also recommended by Officer Ruffenach of the Scottsdale PD. Dianne Cary reviewed the history of the property and buildings and presented photos, noting there were 30 units in the association and they were converted from apartments to condos in 1998.

In response to Commissioner Alsworth regarding the issue of sidewalk repair versus maintenance, Ms. Cary described the rust stains painted over by the developer and the desire to coat the walks to stop corrosion of the structure.

COMMISSIONER KIESELL MOVED FOR APPROVAL OF THIS APPLICATION FOR THE LIGHTING PORTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5000. COMMISSIONER WENDORF SECONDED THE MOTION.

Further discussion was held regarding applying the funding toward the lighting project, and Mr. Keagy said the Commission was right to weigh these projects and separate the issues.

Ms. Cary confirmed with the Commission it would be okay to use the money for sodium lighting as recommended by the police officer even though they weren't part of the bid.

THE MOTION FOR APPROVAL CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0.

UPDATE ON CODE ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES – ROB COHEN, CHIEF OF CODE ENFORCEMENT

Mr. Cohen distributed an overview of Code Enforcement activities since he was last before the Commission and discussed the major developments. Points covered included: Ordinances revised to expand authority of Code Enforcement, liens placed on three homes, 6 inspections due to Housing Code violations; New programs such as the Administrative Citation process, monthly code clinics, neighborhood cleanups, Rock the House program, and a volunteer sign removal task force.

Mr. Cohen further discussed how the seven inspectors have learned to take ownership of their projects and get closure.

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Responding to Chairman Shultz, Mr. Cohen said there have been some calls in regard to the front yard parking ordinance and there have been some courtesy visits to homes as enforcement doesn't begin until August 1st.

STAFF AND COMMISSION UPDATES (A.R.S. 38-431.02 (K))

Mr. Keagy said he and Mr. Gawf, the Deputy City Manager, had met with Jan Dolan, City Manager, today to discuss the NFP program. It was requested the program be restructured a bit so the community clearly knew the funding would go to mature areas and those areas in need. Staff and Commission needed to come up with criteria that demonstrates a commitment to aging neighborhoods, particularly in the older part of the city and non-HOAs. She also liked the idea of doing large grant projects, investing a large amount of money in one neighborhood. Accepting new applications is now on hold until restructuring of the program is complete. The amount of yearly funding recommended in the 2004-2004 Budget is \$75,000—with potentially a significant amount invested in one neighborhood. This funding will have to be re-justified during the budget process each year. Discussion was held about precedence from past projects, and starting at zero again with new guidelines, and conveying these issues to the public.

Mr. Keagy noted that Joanie Mead, is the new program manager for the NFP and will be in attendance at the April meeting to initiate the discussion. Commissioners requested that staff bring guidelines from other cities that have the same types of programs, and also find out how they are being affected budget-wise as well.

Commissioner Wendorf requested, as part of the restructuring research, that staff list how many HOAs have received funding, how many original neighborhoods, and list other programs such as Treasures and Trash, or community projects such as purchase of a tractor, etc. for the past two years to give the Commission some perspective. In regard to changing the charter, it would also be helpful to have a listing of all the strategic partnerships or entities the Commission has worked with.

OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC (A.R.S. 38-431.02) There were no other public speakers.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS The next meeting date will be April 2, 2003 at 5:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Dragman
Recording Secretary